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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING  
MULTIPLE ANASTOMOSES

Examiner: M. Mendoza

**AMENDMENT**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated March 15, 2010, for which a response was due on June 15, 2010. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to September 15, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.